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1. ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY I AM REPLYING TO YOUR MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 18. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FULLY SHARES YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SURVIVAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. AS A MATTER OF HIGHEST PRIORITY WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN A SUBSTANTIAL RESUPPLY EFFORT TO ISRAEL IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET SUPPLY OF THE ARAB STATES TO WHICH YOU ALLUDE. I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT OUR EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE NOT BEEN CONFINED TO ENDING THE FIGHTING. WE ARE WORKING IN EVERY WAY SO THAT THE END TO THE HOSTILITIES WILL SERVE AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A JUST AND DECENT PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA. I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT THE CONCLUSION OF SUCH A PEACE WOULD BE THE BEST GUARANTEE OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY AND PROSPERITY.

2. YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS MUCH APPRECIATED. BE ASSURED THAT I ALWAYS WELCOME HEARING YOUR VIEWS.

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